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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, NZ
SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND'S IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM

REF: STATE 93210

1. WE RAISED IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM WITH NEW ZEALAND DEL
AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. NEW ZEALAND DEL (GRIEG)
CALLED LICENSING SYSTEM AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND SAID
HE WILL GIVE US A REASONED ANSWER AFTER CONSULTING WITH
WELLINGTON. HIS UNOFFICIAL "OFF-THE-CUFF" RESPONSE WAS
THAT GNZ RECOGNIZES THE PRESENT INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE
LICENSING SYSTEM WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. HE ALSO
BELIEVES THAT NEW ZEALAND WOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY
IN JUSTIFYING QRS UNDER ARTICLE XII BUT DOUBTS THAT
WELLINGTON WILL INVOKE ARTICLE XII AGAIN UNLESS FORCED
TO DO SO. HE ALSO DOUBTS THAT NEW ZEALAND WILL ESTAB-
LISH A FIRM SCHEDULE FOR PHASING OUT THE QRS, ALTHOUGH
THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO LIBERALIZING THEM
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GRADUALLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. HE ASKED, IF
WELLINGTON'S RESPONSE WAS ALONG THESE LINES, WHAT U.S.
WAS LIKELY TO DO. WE REPLIED THAT LOGICAL STEP, IF NEW
ZEALAND NEITHER INVOKED ARTICLE XII NOR DEVELOPED
SCHEDULE FOR ABOLITION OF QRS, WOULD BE TO BRING MATTER
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GATT COUNCIL. WE NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT WE DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO, AND PRE-

FERRED TO HAVE GNZ RESPONSE FIRST.

2. GRIEG, ALTHOUGH AWARE OF DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF
SPECIAL LICENSES FOR CERTAIN LDCS AND EE COUNTRIES,
TOOK NOTE OF OUR ARGUMENTS ON THIS ASPECT OF SYSTEM
WITHOUT COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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